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Mayor James Bouldin, Councilmen Laird, Hesye, Solis Sworn In

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Council members, city employees and visitors welcomed Mayor James Bouldin and re-elected councilmen John "Skipper" Laird and Denis Heyse at a small reception following the November 15 council meeting and swearing in of the officials. Also sworn in as councilman was Steve Solis, who was appointed by the Council to fill an open position left by Bouldin's resignation

Shortly after the Council meeting was called to order, Councilman/Mayor-Pro-tem James Bouldin resigned his position as councilman in order to be sworn in as the new mayor of Itasca. Following the swearing in by City Manager Mark Gropp, he took his place at the head of the council and began his mayoral duties. Bouldin has sat on the Council as a member and mayor pro-tem for approximately 4 years.

Outgoing mayor, Matt Fehnel, thanked the Council, employees and citizens for their cooperation during the last four years. Fehnel did not seek re-election. Council members Laird and Heyse ran unopposed in the November election.

Veterans Honored at Annual Revitalization/IISD Assembly Wreath Placed at Downtown Park

Reporters David Maddox & Brandon Duby
See page 6 for picture collage



On November 11, 2010 Itasca held its 7th annual Itasca Revitalization/IISD Veterans' Day assembly to honor the men and women who have served their country above and beyond the call of duty in the struggle for our freedom. The program included an Invocation, "Pledge of Allegiance," "The Star Spangled Banner," Flag Folding Ceremony by the Boy Scouts of Troop #366, and the honoring of the Itascans who have served in the armed forces and those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The keynote speaker was IHS graduate Bryan Daniel, the Executive Vice President of Agricultural Workers Insurance Co.

In Mr. Daniel's speech, he spoke of his concerns for our veterans and their dedication to our great country. Although he never served in any branch of the military, Mr. Daniel felt honored to be able to speak on behalf of the veterans who have sacrificed so much for America's freedom.

Itasca High School students who assisted in the program were Aaron Rodriguez, Keyre Ortiz, Rebecca Maul, David Corbitt, Bob Slotvig, Michelle Ignacz, and the three trumpeters who played Taps: Hali Carranza, Celeste Rodriguez and Jessica Zint. Assisting the students were IHS Principal Rickie Harris and Itasca Revitalization President Ms. Betty Sumner.

The honoring of our veterans continued at the Veterans Memorial in downtown Itasca. Veterans Wayne Williams and Billy Warren, not only organized the downtown program but also laid a wreath at the base of the memorial in honor of all veterans and especially for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



Churches of Itasca

<u>Bethlehem Missionary Baptist</u>	W. Spurgeon 687-2800
<u>Central Baptist Church</u>	401 E. Monroe 687-2343
<u>Church of Christ</u>	200 N. Aquilla 687-2774
<u>First Baptist Church</u>	107 S. Lamar 687-2783
<u>First Presbyterian Church</u>	106 N. Lamar 687-2243
<u>First United Methodist</u>	Main & King St. 687-2475
<u>Loveview Baptist Church</u>	FM 2959 East of I-35
<u>Second Baptist Church</u>	120 W. Marrion 687-9134
<u>Shiloh Community Church</u>	254-582-0487
<u>St. John Missionary Baptist</u>	506 S. Weaver 687-2821
<u>3rd Day Worship Center</u>	107 E. Adams 214 564-2185
<u>Itasca Nursing Home</u>	Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome	Monday Evening 6:00 p.m.

Central Baptist Church

200 E. Monroe St.

Sunday School 9:45 Worship 10:50 a.m.

Youth (7th - 12th grade) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Youth (7th-12th) 7:00 p.m. website - itascacbc.org

First United Methodist Church

401 E. Main St, Itasca, TX 254-687-2475

E-mail: itascaumc@digitex.net

APPLICATION PREACHING!

Sermons for the REAL WORLD that we live in.

What good is a wonderful sermon on Sunday if it cannot be applied to the concerns of your life when Monday morning rolls around?

Find the fun, joy, and comfort you were promised. Bring an open heart and mind.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.-10:30 (All ages)

Sunday Worship Service 10:50 a.m.

Refreshments between Sunday School & Church Services 10:30 a.m.

Itasca Church of Christ - 200 N. Aquilla St.

Light The Night By Being Right!

Obey Jesus Become A Nightlighter!

Join us for worship at the Itasca Church of Christ

All are welcome

303 E. Monroe Sunday 9:45 & 10:45 a.m.

Itasca, TX 5:00 p.m.

254-687-2774 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

120 W. Marrion St. Itasca TX 76055

Rev. George Demmeritte Jr. (Pastor)

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

2BC*2 Youth Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian Church

106 N. Lamar Itasca 254-687-2243

itascafpc@sbcglobal.net www.fpcitasca.org

"In mission to and with the Presbyterian Children's Home to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Sundays - 9:30-10:00 Fellowship in Barton Hall

10 - 10:45 Sunday School 11 a.m. - Worship Service

6 pm - Praise/Worship (Sanctuary)

6:30-KFC/Hour of Power

Tues. & Thurs. - 10 a.m. Exercise Class - Barton Hall

Wed. 6:30 Vespers Service Chapel - 7:15 Choir practice

ANGEL FOOD SITE

Itasca Zoning Committee Meeting

2nd Monday of Month 6:00 p.m. - 136 N. Hill St.

Itasca City Council Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

Itasca ISD School Board Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.



2010 Holiday Season Calendar

November 21 - Thanksgiving Service 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

December 4 - Christmas Parade - Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Line up on Files St. Santa & Mrs. Claus in Rotary Room after parade

December 6 - Itasca Garden Club/Chamber Brunch

Farrow Room 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

December 8 - City Open House at Fire Station

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

December 8 - Citywide Caroling - First Presbyterian

Church Youth - 6:00 p.m. (All churches & groups welcome to join) Meet at FPC with singers & trailer

December 16 - Christmas Lighting Contest - Judging

6:00 p.m. - Out of town judges - New winners every year!

January 31 - Chamber of Commerce Banquet featuring

entertainment by Lincoln Durham - Contact any Chamber Director to nominate for awards

First United Methodist Church 4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 25, 2010 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For those individuals who are alone and have no one to celebrate with, FUMC would like to extend an invitation to attend their annual Thanksgiving dinner. If you need transportation to and from will call Rev. Tom Wood at 254-687-2475 to make arrangements before Thanksgiving.

Defensive Driving Class

November 20 & December 1 8:00 a.m. (lunch break) 2:30

Ticket dismissal & or insurance discounts

Available in Spanish also 125 W. Elm St. Hillsboro

254-582-5111 Walk-ins welcome!

Play for the Cure 2010

Press Release



On October 16, 2010 the 9-10 year old Pee Wee football team of Covington, Texas and their parents put on a "Play For The Cure" event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. They set a goal of \$500.00 and are proud to say they far exceeded that goal and raised a grand total of \$1100.00!

The team proudly wore pink socks, pink ribbons on their helmets and pink head gear. Parents bought breast cancer awareness gear (shirts, visors, teddy bears, water bottles, bracelets etc) and in trade for a donation we gave them away that day. Pink was everywhere!

These young people are to be congratulated for their hard work and community involvement in such a worthy cause. The team issued a statement thanking all of the parents and citizens who helped to make the event a success.



Attention All Itasca FFA, FHA, 4-H Alumni

Press Release

Friends and Community of Itasca, the committee that is responsible for buying the projects at the county fair needs your help. Donation and fund raisers are getting harder and harder to come by in a small town with fewer and fewer businesses and a predominately non-agricultural population, so we need your help. We are asking for monetary donations from all of you exes that participated in FFA, FHA or 4-H at Itasca.

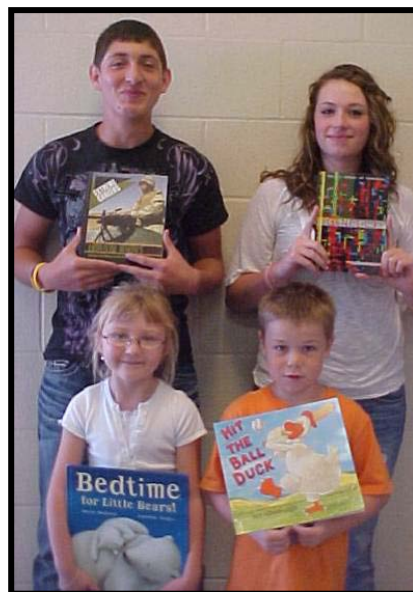
Remember all those that supported you and show a little support for the next generation of Ex-Wampus Cats. Any help will be appreciated. Please send your donations to any of the listed addresses.

Friends & Community of Itasca
% Citizens State Bank
PO Box 126
Itasca, TX 76055

Sandra Grisham
288 FM 3147
Itasca, TX 76055

Rodney & Evonne Adams
109 Beard Dr.
Itasca, TX 76055

Hill County Retired Teachers Make Book Donation



Recently IISD Counselor Grace Hennig and several of her office aides had the welcomed task of unpacking over 100 books donated to the elementary, middle and high school students of Itasca ISD. This generous donation was made by the Hill County Retired Teachers' Association. Each year they donate books to area school libraries.

"I just love books," one excited first grader said. "Now we have lots more and that is good because I almost read all of ours during the summer reading program with Ms. Hollie."

Senior Spotlight Jorge Vazquez



Reporter Hannah Johnson
Caricature by Martin Martinez

In the halls of any high school, you will see many different types of people, but it is the ones that are smiling, laughing and enjoying life that stand out from the others. At IHS one of those is, Jorge Isaac Vazquez.

Jorge, 19, is the son of Reyna Saldaña and Jorge Vazquez. He has two sisters, Betsabe, 25 and Karen, 20 and one brother Jehu Avisahi, 18. His hobbies are playing the drums in a Christian band, playing soccer in Cleburne and shooting pool.

"My dad is my hero," Jorge said. "He showed me that the best thing about life is to live life happily. Don't think about what you don't have or you'll always want something and you'll never be happy."

Jorge (pronounced "Hor Hay") (also called George by some of his friends) has been a student at IHS since his freshman year. Included in his favorite memories at IHS is when he was told that he had passed his English TAKS test and more recently when he celebrated passing the Math TAKS which means he can graduate with his class in May. Jorge is employed by a construction company in Grandview.

"I really like Itasca," he said. "The town is calm and the people are very friendly and nice."

Jorge would like to continue his education at Hill College to work on a degree in business.

"I'm so ready to graduate," he said smiling. "It seems like I have been waiting for this moment my whole life."

Jorge believes that his advice or "words of wisdom," should be heeded by everyone not just the underclassmen.

"It's easy to do what everyone else does, but it's not easy to be different. Don't be like everyone else. Just be yourself!"



2010 - 2011 Picture Dates

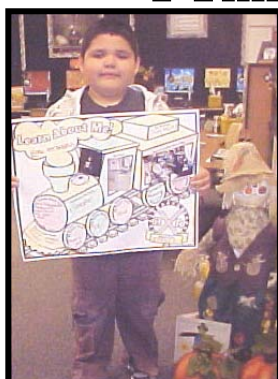
January 11

Basketball - Junior High & High School, Cheerleaders - Junior High & High School

May 5

Class Groups-(Pre-K-12th) "Buddy" or Individual

Elementary Spotlight "I Think I Can" Award

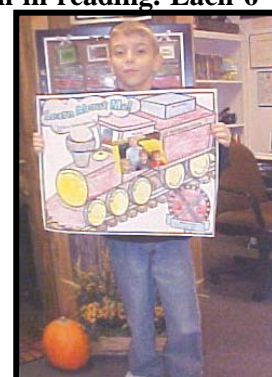


Reading is probably the most important skill a child learns in elementary school. A non-reader finds it almost impossible to be successful in any other class or in life generally.

This year the elementary implemented a new reading program called "Rally to Read." Under the direction of elementary teacher Ms. Gayla Cockerham with the help of paraprofessional Ms. Karan Boyd

the program provides extra instruction in reading. Each 6-weeks two students who have "shown determination to succeed, willingness to work hard, exhibited good behavior and had a positive attitude," is chosen to receive the "I Think I Can" award.

Receiving this 6-weeks' award is 2nd grader Orlando Hernandez and 4th grader Stephen Upton. Both received a pin to wear and they have a poster of their success proudly displayed in the hall for all to admire.



Elementary Storybook Parade

Reporter Emma Orr Photographer Hannah Johnson

Reading, sharing, creativity and fun are four of the elements that were combined to encourage young students to read.

Visitors to the school

earlier in the month would have been greeted by a variety of little princesses, mermaids, monsters, professionals such as a dentist and a fireman, make-believe animals and people from history, walking around the halls with their story (book) tucked underneath their arms.

All preschool students, kindergarteners, first graders, and even some second graders took part in Itasca Elementary's Storybook Parade. The students picked their favorite storybook and dressed up as their favorite character from the story. They gave book reports in class, and then paraded down the hallways for everyone to see their creative and adorable costumes.



Lady Cats Kick off B Ball Season with 3 in Win Column

Sports Reporter & Lady Cat Ashley Spain

The Lady Cats played two scrimmages prior to kicking off the pre-district basketball season. They faced Glen Rose and Rio Vista in separate scrimmages. The Lady Cats did an outstanding job in both scrimmages, making only small mistakes. They came up a little short on the scoring against Glen Rose, but pulled out a scrimmage win against Rio Vista, 29-41.

Their first pre-district game was last Tuesday against West. The Lady Cats

came away with a 37-40 victory over the 3-A Lady Trojans team. Itasca did an outstanding job on both defense and offense. They make some errors but were quick to correct them.

The first home game of the season was against the Lady Indians from Riesel last Friday night. The Lady Cats jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead before a free throw put Riesel on the board. Itasca worked hard on both sides of the ball and never let Riesel get closer than a four point spread winning 43-34.

The 3rd game of the season brought the Lady Longhorns from Axtell to battle the Lady Cats Tuesday night. The girls were on track and kept their focus, even through some foul trouble. Itasca started off hot and never allowed Axtell to close the gap closer than a 10 point spread. The Lady Cats took their 3rd victory 54-36 in front of a cheering home crowd. They have a tournament scheduled this weekend and games with Maypearl and Castleberry over the Thanksgiving holiday.



Lady Wampus Cat Basketball

November

18/20	Wortham Tournament	V	TBA
18/20	Castleberry Tournament	JV	TBA
23	Maypearl	Away JV, V	1:00
27	Castleberry	Away JV, V	2:00
30	Venus	Away JV, V	5:00

December

3	Blooming Grove	Home V	5:00
2-5	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	JV	TBA
7	Alvarado	Away JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	Axtell V	TBA
11	Itasca JV Tournament	JV	TBA
14	Waco Vanguard	Away JV, V	5:00
17	Burleson Centennial (Tourn)	JV, V	TBA
27-29	Godley Tournament	Godley V	TBA
28	Southwest Christian (Tourn)	V	TBA

District January 7 – February 15

January

7	Blum	Away JV, V	5:00
11	Bosqueville	Away JV, V	4:00
14	Meridian	Home JV, V	4:00
18	Moody	Away JV, V	4:00
21	Valley Mills	Home JV, V	4:00
25	Blum	Home JV, V	4:00

2010-2011 Wampus Cat Basketball

November

22	Marlin	Away V	7:00
30	Alvarado	Away JV, V	5:00

December

2-5	Era Tournament	Era V	TBA
7	Brock	Away JV, V	5:00
9-11	Axtell Tournament	Axtell V	TBA
14	Dallas Life	Away JV, V	5:00
17	Grandview	Away JV, V	5:00
20	West	Away JV, V	5:00
21	Burleson Centennial	JV, V	TBA
28-30	Clyde-Eula Tournament	Clyde V	TBA

January

4	Waco Rapaport	Home JV, V	5:00
7	Avalon	Home JV, V	5:00
11	Venus	Home JV, V	5:00
13-15	Peaster Tournament	Peaster JV	TBA

District January 14 – February 15

14	Meridian	Home JV, V	5:00
18	Moody	Away JV, V	5:00
21	Valley Mills	Home JV, V	5:00
25	Blum	Home JV, V	5:00
28	Bosqueville	Home JV, V	5:00
14	Meridian	Away JV, V	5:00

October Police Blotter

10-1 – Report of burglary of a habitat – 100 blk. N. College St.
10-1 – Motor vehicle accident (2 vehicles – 3 citations issued) – Pregnant motorist taken by EMS to hospital – Lamar & Henderson Sts.
10-2 – Report of a possible missing child (Found at relative's house) – 300 blk. K Lane
10-2 – Citizen's complaint (Loud music) – 100 blk. W. Main St.
10-2 – Disturbance (Domestic) – 200 blk. S. King St.
10-3 – Report of Hospice death – 100 blk. Minnie Dr.
10-3 – Assisted motorist (Flat tire – Motorist closed trunk making jack fall – No visible damage – I-35W northbound mm 7
10-3 – Citizen complaint (Assault) – Itasca Warehouse
10-3 – Welfare check (Female walking on side of free-way)- Courtesy transport to Hillsboro – I-35W southbound mm 7
10-4 – Traffic stop – Vehicle impounded (No valid drivers license) – I-35W southbound mm 7
10-5 – Traffic stop (Speeding 79mph/65mph) – Vehicle impounded (No drivers license – Warrant outstanding for Webb County – Terroristic Threat) I-35W northbound mm 9
10-6 – Report of criminal mischief (Broken window Itasca High School) – 123 N. College St.
10-8 – Animal complaint (rabid cat) – 100 blk. Forest St.
10-8 – Motor vehicle accident (2 vehicles – both towed) – Wampus Cat Dr. & E. Wilkerson St.
10-9 – Citizen complaint (Loud music) – 100 blk. W. Adams St.
10-9 – Disturbance (Person ask to leave party-Another person (Female) arrested for public intoxication – 100 blk. W. Main St.
10-9 – Traffic stop (18 wheeler – Fire coming from axle) – Trailer had lost wheel hub – Fire department called – I-35W southbound mm 8
10-10 – Assisted DPS with intoxication arrest – I-35W northbound mm 8
10-10 – Motor vehicle accident (1 vehicle – hit FM 66 sign) – 1200 blk. E. Main St.
10-13 – 911 Hang-up call – 800 blk. E. Main St.
10-13 – Assisted HCSO (Possible kidnapping) – I-35W northbound mm 3
10-14 – Assisted DPS w/motor vehicle accident (2 vehicles) – I-35W northbound mm 9 3/4.
10-15 – Motor vehicle accident (2 vehicles – Business parking lot) – 1000 blk. E. Main St.
10-15 – Assisted Hillsboro PD (Traffic stop-Elderly confused male) – I-35W northbound mm 13

10-15 – Traffic stop (No license plate light) Arrest made on warrant out of Hill County) Vehicle impounded – I-35W northbound mm 9
10-16 – Assault complaint (Person hit in the eye) – 300 blk. E. Henderson St.
10-17 – Disturbance report (Possible firearm involved) – 100 blk. W. Main St.
10-17 – Disturbance (Citation issued for fighting) – 800 blk. Loom St.
10-17 – Assault by 5 people on family – 800 blk. Loom
10-17 – Disturbance in progress (Possible fight) – 800 blk. Loom St.
10-18 – Report of Class “C” Assault – 100 blk. N. College St.
10-19 – Traffic stop – (No drivers license) - Vehicle impounded – I-35 W northbound mm 9
10-19 – Report of gas leak – 200 blk. S. Lamar St.
10-19 – Assisted HCSO (Possible theft) – 100 blk. Grayson Dr.
10-21 – Criminal mischief report (Juveniles throwing rocks) – 100 blk. N. College St.
10-21 – Report of suspicious activity – 800 blk. Shuttle
10-22 – Report of an assault – 100 blk. S. Aquilla St.
10-26 – Report of public lewdness – 500 blk. S. Files St.
10-28 – 911 Hang-up call – 300 blk. E. Adams St.
10-29 – Call on a civil matter – 300 blk. N. Files St.
10-30 – Report of suspicious activity – 300 blk. E. Wilkerson St.
10-30 – Traffic stop (Driving in left lane without passing) – Search revealed baggie of marijuana, 1 pipe and rolling paper – Citation issued for possession of drug paraphernalia – I-35W southbound mm 8
10-31 – Assisted HCSO (Possible domestic disturbance) – FM 934 1 mile east of Itasca

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Itasca VFD October Report

	City	County
Assist EMS	10	3
False Alarm		1
Grass/Brush Fire		2
Haz-Mat	1 (Gas leak)	
Landing Zone set-up	1	
MVC	5	3
Residence/Structure		2 (Hillsboro)
Utility Emergency	1 (Wires down)	
Vehicle Fire		1
Others	2-Assisted citizens	1- Animal rescue
	1-Weather watch	
Total calls – 34 Calls YTD – 202 Man hours – 227		
Total mileage – 247 Total members – 17		
Mutual aid given – Hillsboro (2)		
Aid received – Hillsboro(2), Grandview(2), Covington(1)		

Itasca PD October Report

Arrests	Cases Filed
1 Misdemeanor	1 County Attorney
1 Juvenile	
1 other Agency	
1 Class "C"	
Total calls for service – 61	
Traffic Citations	
503 Moving	54 non-moving 21 warnings
Class "C" Citations	
1 Public intoxication	2 Theft under \$50
1 Disorderly conduct	1 open container
1 Minor in possession (alcohol)	
3 Possession of drug paraphernalia	
City Ordinance – 1-Loitering	
5 Full time officers	2 Step officers – 1 Reserve officer



Remember When . . . “A Stroll Back in Time”

Columnist Carl Sweeney

What do you say we go back, I mean way back to the time and things that seem so simple and maybe even a little bit nerdy to some of us today, back when we played “Wolf over the River” at recess and lunchtime at school. How often do you see boys shooting marbles today, or even girls playing jacks? However there is one thing that seems to hold on and that is “Hopscotch.” We don’t see tops being spun, Hide and Seek, Red light, Green light, or Simon Says. We are also going back before Sega or Super Nintendo, AIDS, herpes, semi automatics, terrorist bombings, and even before color TV (that took five minutes to warm up and we had to go the TV to change channels and there were only 4 of them at that). I’ll bet very few of us remember the old crystal radios. Then there were the skates with keys, balloons, tire bicycles, school lunch sacks that we placed in the “cloak room” till dinner time (and it was dinner time then although someone has now changed it to lunchtime) and cracker jacks with prizes. We still have Cracker Jacks, but I don’t know about the prizes, which bring to mind the prizes in oatmeal, laundry detergent and other products. Some contained drinking glasses, cups, towels, and other prizes. Some of those old glasses are collector’s items today.

Then we came to the saddle oxfords and penny loafers. The only tennis shoes were Keds and P.F. Flyers and no \$100 Michael Jordans. These things remind us of the sock hops and the proms when we had a live band. Oh! and speaking of penny loafers reminds of when the girls wore those awful gym clothes, which were sometimes called bloomers as well as the basketball uniforms. Then there were the Coke bottles with the names of towns on the bottom, and before that it was called soda waters by Coca Cola. It was during that time that mom had a snack for us after school before we did the “chores.”

Nobody owned a purebred dog, and then they were not allowed in the house. Frankly folks, I still don’t like that even today. Seems that the old saying, “Going to the dogs!” could be true. That was when a quarter a week was a good allowance. When we went to town on Saturday, we bought a Coke for a nickel, a hamburger for a dime, and had ten cents left to go to the movies. We sat through two shows, and saw the results of the cliff hanger serial from last Saturday. Your mom wore nylons that came in two pieces. The male teachers wore neck ties, the female teachers had their hair done every day, and wore high heels, and were required to live in the town where they taught. In the country one-room schools they quite often lived with a family in the area.

There were benefits we do not have today. When we purchased gas at the “filling station,” they washed the windshields, checked the tires and W.A. Johnson even checked under the hood and your oil and gave trading stamps. Some of us can remember when the worst things you could do in school was chew gum, flunk a test or worst of all have to go to the principal’s office. Some other things we do not want to forget were the bobby pins & curlers, Mickey Mouse Club, Rocky and Bullwinkle, Reddy Kilowatt, Dick Clark’s American Bandstand, Kookla, Fran and Ollie, and Mickey and Amanda and hula hoops. Over the years other things come to mind, such as building forts, tree houses, playing cowboys and Indians, jumping on the bed, pillow fights, ribbon candy, angel hair on the Christmas tree, white gloves and hats at church on Sunday, Amos “N” Andy, Lum “N” Abner and Jackie Gleason. Then there were the silhouettes of Lincoln and Washington, popcorn balls, popcorn strings, paper chains on the Christmas tree and also that stupid “Smiley Face!”

Oh yes, and everyone’s dream car was the ‘57 Chevy so we could cruise, peel out, lay rubber and do donuts under the traffic light. Nobody ever asked where the car keys were, because they were always in the ignition, and as you have heard many times before, no locks on our houses and folks, this was back when we kids played baseball and there were no adults to enforce the rules and chew out their kids or the umpire, and it didn’t cost anything to play.

Then during World War II there was the rationing stamps to get sugar, pepper and other items, including gasoline and tires, and the War Bond drives, Rosie the Riveter and bands such as Glenn Miller, Tex Benecke, Guy Lombardo and others playing, “Tuxedo Junction,” “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree with Anyone Else But Me,” Harbor Lights,” “Elmer’s Tune” and even “Hut Sut Rawlson,” or “Three Little Fishes.” After the war came the trading stamps that merchants gave out such as Green Stamps that could be used to order from the Green Stamp Co. catalog. That was back when we went to the store and were waited on by clerks. We did not get merchandise from the shelf on our own and we carried our own merchandise or groceries to the car.

Before we go, there are some things that we were about to forget, such as The Hardy Boys books, The Katzenjammer Kids, Gasoline Alley, Alley Oop, Howdy Doody, The Lone Ranger and Tonto, Zorro, Wagon Train, the peanut gallery, and Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Trigger and Buttermilk. The sound of an old push lawnmowers on Saturday morning, the picnics and swimming parties at Harry Clark’s (sometimes called Mountain Springs).

I hope you have enjoyed our trip back in time, I know I did trying to think up all the stuff we experienced over the years.

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Wampus Cats of the Week

“Wampus Cat Band Clarinet Players”



Reporter Ashley Spain

1st row (l to r) Devin Hernandez, Courtney Conway, Julissa Cruz, Juan Gonzales, Shyanne Reece and Catherine Olivas. 2nd row (l to r) Noah Karr, Reagan Rugh, Stephanie Ignacz, Jessica Johnston, Beruke Namaga, Octavia Frederick and Deshawndrea Frederick. 3rd row (l to r) Autumn Pelham, Shalunte Frederick, Shaquana Frederick, Cory Cervantes, Deazhane' Davis and Amanda Anderson.

The clarinets are the largest and therefore the loudest group in the IHS Marching Band. The clarinet looks like an easy instrument to play but it very difficult because of the all buttons that must be pressed and the tightening of the mouth to reach the high notes and the relaxing of the mouth to reach the low notes. If the wrong button is pressed, then the wrong note is played and everyone knows it was “you.” Clarinet players have to be alert and smart when playing their instrument, if not then they will mess up the whole song and will let the other band members down, not to mention the embarrassment.

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